



## **605.05 Protective Clothing**

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### **605.05-1 Policy**

Protective measures shall be provided to staff for the prevention of transmission of infectious diseases, which include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

### **605.05-2 General**

- I. This Directive shall formalize and establish operational procedures for the utilization of protective clothing, gloves, and facemasks. Periodic revisions will be published ensuring practices are current.
- II. Protective clothing is designed to be utilized when encountering a potentially dangerous and contaminating situation.
- III. Deputies are strongly urged to don protective attire when confronting situations involving an inmate's use of water, sewage, urine, feces, phlegm, spittle, blood, or festering in such a manner as to hinder a Deputy's normal duties.

### **605.05-3 Clothing Provided**

- I. The following protective attire is provided:
- II. Coveralls:
  - A. Two types - disposable and reusable.
  - B. Both types of coveralls are designed to provide maximum liquid barrier protection for the user.
  - C. Sizes - small, medium, large.
- III. Disposable latex or vinyl gloves
- IV. Face shield:
  - A. Have elastic straps, which are designed to hook over the ears.
  - B. Consists of a mask to cover the mouth and a plastic shield to protect the eyes.
- V. Protective clothing locations:
  - A. At least three (3) sets of reusable coveralls (small, medium, large) will be stored in the Booking Office for use by Deputies.

### **605.05-4 Use of Protective Clothing**

- I. LATEX OR VINYL GLOVES should always be worn if there is a reasonable likelihood that contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials may occur. Latex or vinyl gloves should be worn under the following conditions:
  - A. During inmate searches or in cases of skin contact with inmates who are bleeding or have open wounds, sores, rashes, or other broken skin conditions.
  - B. When any broken skin conditions (cuts, burns, rashes, paper cuts, hangnails) may come in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
  - C. When handling equipment (handcuffs, leg irons, etc.) that is contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
  - D. When handling or transporting biohazard / biomedical waste containers.
  - E. When handling soiled linen, which is contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
  - F. During cell searches or property searches.
  - G. When handling contaminated CPR masks and one-way valves or other personal protective equipment.
  - H. When cleaning up broken glass.
  - I. During fingerprinting if exposure to blood exists.
- II. FACE SHIELD shall be worn whenever splashes, spray, splatter or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated, and eyes, nose or mouth contamination can reasonably be anticipated.
- III. COVERALLS should be worn for situations where penetration of clothing with blood or other bodily fluids exists.

#### **605.05-5        Reuse of Protective Clothing**

- I. Reusable coveralls are made of a taffeta material which, when contaminated, may be machine-washed and reused.
- II. Disposable coveralls are constructed of a sturdy paper-like material which, when contaminated, shall be properly disposed of. Disposable coveralls are of such durability that reuse is available if not contaminated.
- III. Face shields are designed for wear in such a manner as to afford protection for the eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields should be disposed of after use.
- IV. Latex or vinyl gloves should be disposed of after use.

#### **605.05-6        Disposal of Protective Clothing**

- I. Universal safety precautions are taken with all disposable gear contaminated by any type of body fluid or substance. All contaminated gear shall be disposed of in accordance with hazardous waste disposal methods.
- II. Contaminated gear shall be placed in a red plastic bag, sealed, and given to the Medical Section for disposal as bio-hazardous refuse. Disposable gear, which is dirty, but not contaminated by bodily fluids, shall be disposed of by placing in local trash.
- III. Universal safety precautions also apply to contaminated reusable coveralls. Contaminated reusable coveralls shall be placed in a water-soluble plastic bag, sealed, and delivered to the laundry. The laundry will wash and disinfect the coveralls.

## **REFERENCES**

State/Federal Regulations:  
Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:  
N/A

PREA:  
N/A

Forms:  
N/A

Other Policy/ Procedure References:  
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